Atty. Dkt. No. 040679-1

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Masaomi TAKAGI et al.

Title:

ALUMINUM HOLLOW BENT MEMBER AND VEHICULAR MEMBER CONSTRUCTION

Appl. No.:

09/826,804

Appl. Filing Date:

04/06/2001

Examiner:

E. Culbreth

Art Unit:

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

- 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)
 - a. Previously submitted:

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[]	Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on	but not
	considered.	

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- [] Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on ___.
- [] Other __.
- b. Enclosed are:
- [X] Amendment/Reply.
- [] Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).
- [] Information Disclosure Statement.
- Form PTO-1449 with copies of ____ listed reference(s).
- [X] 3-replacement sheets of formal drawings containing Figs. 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 13 attached as Appendix A

Miscellaneous:

[] Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of __ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

RCE Fee 1.17(e):	Claims as Amended		Previously Paid For	Extr Pres	a Claims ent		Rate \$770.00		Fee Totals \$770.00
Total Claims:	23	_	20	= 3		x	\$18.00	=	\$54.00
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					CLAIMS	FEE	TOTAL:	=	\$824.00

[X] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

\$110.00	\$110.00	Extension for response filed within the first month:	[X]		
\$0.00	\$420.00	Extension for response filed within the second month:	[]		
\$0.00	\$950.00	Extension for response filed within the third month:	[]		
\$0.00	\$1,480.00	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	[]		
\$0.00	\$2,010.00	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	[]		
\$110.00	EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:				
\$0.00	EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID: -				
\$110.00	EXTENSION FEE TOTAL				
\$934.00	CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:				
\$0.00	[] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):				
\$0.00	[] Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)				
\$934.00	TAL FEE:	TC			

- [] Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$934.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.
- [X] A check in the amount of \$934.00 to cover the filing fee (of \$770, additional claim fee of \$54, and a 1-month EOT of \$110) is enclosed.
- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date Jan 12,2004

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